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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph after the title:

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[0001] This application is a *national stage* of PCT/EP2003/006984 filed July 1, 2003 and based upon DE 102 33 359.9 filed July 23, 2002 under the International Convention.

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] The invention relates to a high-pressure die-cast cylinder crankcase in accordance with the preamble of claim 1 and to a process for producing a high-pressure die-cast crankcase as claimed in claim 5.

Please replace paragraph [0008] with the following amended paragraph:

[0008] The solution to the object consists in a high-pressure die-cast cylinder crankcase as claimed in claim 1 and in a process for producing a high-pressure die-cast cylinder crankcase as claimed in claim 5.

Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following amended paragraph:

[0009] The high-pressure die-cast cylinder crankcase according to the <u>present</u> invention as described in claim 1 is

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distinguished by the fact that it has a row of cylinder barrels cast onto one another. A row of cylinder barrels of this type is referred to in the specialist field as a liner, and consequently, this term will also be used in this context below. The liner is cast into the cylinder crankcase.

Please replace paragraph [00015] with the following amended paragraph:

[00015] A further component part of the invention is a process for producing a cylinder crankcase as claimed in claim 5, which comprises the following process steps: